

MAYOR TROUT HERE.

Came Quietly into the City Friday and Is at Ford's.

NOT HIS ORDER TO FIRE.

He Neither Gave Nor Heard Such a Command Given.

WAS NOT INTERVIEWED.

The Statement Telegraphed from Lynchburg Not Made by Him.

VERY QUIET DAY IN ROANOKE.

No Deaths or Funerals to Fan the Flames of Lawlessness.

GENERAL ANDERSON LOOKS ON.

He Declines to Discuss the Riot But Has Decided Opinions.

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE CORONER.

Story of the Bloody Conflict Told by Many Eye-Witnesses.

CAPTAIN BIRD DID NOT LEAVE.

Most of the Wounded Getting Better—Threatening Notices from Vigilantes—Dr. Callish on the Law.

The command for the military to fire upon the excited crowd that attacked the Roanoke jail on Wednesday evening was not given by Mayor Henry S. Trout, if indeed such an order was given at all.

This statement is made upon the authority of Mayor Trout, who is a guest at Ford's Hotel in this city. He declined to make any statement in connection with the late riot, but he is very positive in the declaration made above.

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There you go again," he said with a smile. That is not a matter of public importance.

"Did any one accompany you to Richmond?"

"No, sir; I came entirely alone."

"How long do you expect to remain here?"

"To be candid, I really do not know. I am not in a position to travel just now even if I wanted to. I can get about my foot, but I have a good deal, and I do not care to move about much until I have time to heal up some."

"Will you go from here directly to Roanoke?"

"That I cannot say just now. You expect your wife to join you here this evening, I believe?"

"Yes, she is due to arrive here about 10 o'clock."

"Was she at home on the night of the Roanoke trouble?"

"No, she has gone to the World's Fair."

THAT INTERVIEW AGAIN.

"You say the interview sent from Lynchburg was not authentic. Will you indicate to me in what essential particulars it is inaccurate?"

"No, I do not care to do that. I might as well make the statement for which you ask. It is generally inaccurate, and does not conform to any statement that I have made. I am exceedingly sorry that it was printed, but I do not care now to correct any part of it further than to set myself right in showing that I did not order the firing."

"The matter is a very important one," remarked the reporter, "and the public awaits with great interest your explanation of the part that you had in trying to uphold the law. I should, therefore, exceedingly like to have your version of the affair, and again ask you if upon reflection you can consent to give it."

"No, I cannot. I appreciate your position, entirely, and I know the public interest that is felt in the matter, but this is not the time or place for me to have anything to say. I am responsible to my own people for my act, and it is not for me to make a statement to the public. I have already said all that I can say, and I have already said all that I can say."

NOT AFRAID OF INJURY.

"The situation in Roanoke must have been very exciting. Do you think that you would have been badly hurt had you been there?"

"I do not think that I would have been hurt any more than I had already been."

Mr. Trout was not inclined to discuss the matter of his leaving Roanoke, or by whose advice it was that he took his departure. He was equally indefinite with reference to his return, but he certainly was drawn that he had been back in the city before the grand jury arrived and aid in the investigation.

Mr. Trout arrived last night, having stopped at Roanoke only a short time on his return from Chicago.

Dr. Thomas J. Riddle has dressed Mr. Trout's wounds twice since his arrival here. The injury is not serious, and he is recovering very well, though his foot is in bandages.

THE LYNCHBURG INTERVIEW.

The following is the interview telegraphed from Lynchburg Friday night, to which reference has been several times made above.

"I was called early in the evening, and went to the jail. Soon after arriving there I felt, from the excited condition of the crowd, that it was necessary for me to call out the military of the city, and immediately I did so. The jail was surrounded on three sides, and I stationed the soldiers at the best point to command the approaches to the building. With fifteen of the military who were with me, I took command in front of the jail, where the thickest of the mob was congregated. The military were being fired at by the crowd, and I asked Messrs. Watts and Woods to address the mob. This was about 7:30 o'clock in the evening, and they addressed the mob, and I saw that they were going to disperse and to their homes. Just at this time about a hundred country people appeared on the scene from the neighborhood in which the woman lived who had been assaulted, and the excitement was again in a fever heat. Again they surged around me. I pleaded with them and begged them to go to their homes. Recalling some of the men in the crowd, I spoke to them by name and implored them to do nothing rash. The excitement grew, and finally some one in the crowd yelled, 'Push the Mayor back,' and at the same time two or three shots were fired from the rear of the crowd, and the mob began to crowd me. Still I hesitated to do anything. I was not until I was pushed back to the line of the bayonets almost that I gave the command to fire. The fire was returned by the mob, and I was shot in the foot by a man in plain sight, not five feet away from me. He was armed with a 38-calibre revolver. I saw him when the shot was fired, and he was the man who shot me. I had a loaded pistol in my hand, but I did not fire at him, nor did I discharge the weapon during the entire riot, and it is here, as it was before I left home with every chamber loaded. The second fire from the military was very effective, and resulted in driving the mob back. The excitement having subsided in a measure, I sent the military to their homes, and retired to the Ponce de Leon Hotel, where I remained until last night, when I boarded a special train tendered by the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company and came to this city. I deplore deeply the fact that so many innocent men lost their lives, but I do not know how any one could have acted differently in my position. Something had to be done to meet the exigency of the occasion, and I pursued the only course left me to maintain the law, which I have sworn to support."

ROANOKE REMAINS QUIET.

The Roanoke's Inquest—Continuation of the Testimony.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., September 23.—The city has been quiet all day. Not even the usual groups that were seen yesterday have been seen on the streets today, and there is now a general feeling of security. Two fortunate circumstances have conspired to prevent another outbreak. None of the wounded have died, and all of the bodies were carried away before they could be seen by the public. Additional deaths or public funerals have fed the flames of indignation, and the city has resumed its normal condition.

General Anderson has been a spectator at the coroner's inquest to-day. He said that he was not here in an official capacity, and he declined to discuss the riot or for publication further than to say that the law was complied with in ordering out the militia. As to the management of the soldiers during the riot, he declined to express an opinion. When asked what effect the riot would have on future mob law in Virginia, he said that the good effect it might have had was destroyed by the securing of the negro.

AT THE INQUEST.

J. W. Hancock, member of the militia, continued his testimony before the coroner yesterday. He stated that the company received orders to disband, and they did so. The members of the company went home, taking with them a good many of the bodies. He refused to answer any questions, but he would fire without a command. Immediately before the firing Captain Bird was in the room with him. Bird refused to give any order, and he did not retire after the first fire, but remained on the outside of the building. After the crowd dispersed, he went into the building. The company received the

order to form in line before disbanding from the court-house.

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